



***State of Washington  
Department of Transportation  
Legal Notice of Intent to Sole Source***

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) announces its intention to establish a sole source contract with Larson Archaeological and Anthropological Services (LAAS) to provide archaeological site investigations and recovery for the former Elwha Klallam village site known as Tse-whit-zen on the SR 104, Hood Canal Bridge East Half Replacement, Port Angeles Graving Dock. WSDOT will award one contract for approximately \$4,600,000.

A major element of this bridge replacement project is to construct a graving dock in Port Angeles on Port Angeles Harbor at the location of a former lumber mill and log sort yard. This graving dock would be used to fabricate pontoons and anchors required to replace the obsolete East half of the existing Hood Canal floating bridge. During initial site construction work, an archaeological site was discovered. The site has been determined to be a former Elwha Klallam village site known as Tse-whit-zen. In order for graving dock construction to proceed specific archaeological site investigations and recovery must occur. The proposed services are to implement an archaeological data recovery plan for the Tse-whit-zen site. This data recovery plan has been negotiated and agreed upon by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (LEKT), US Army Corp of Engineers, FHWA, WSDOT and the State Historical Preservation Office. The LEKT has requested WSDOT hire their consulting archaeologist, LAAS to conduct archaeological data recovery and site treatment activities. WSDOT intends to utilize LAAS due to their demonstrated expertise conducting archaeological data recovery at Northwest tribal village sites, previous work on the Lower Elwha Tribal village sites, their business relationship with LEKT developed on this project as consulting archaeologist and level of trust they have specifically attained with LEKT. LAAS has conducted work on Port Angeles Harbor in the vicinity of this and other LEKT village sites which has achieved a level of trust and confidence between LAAS and the LEKT critical for WSDOT's project to proceed. Due to the sensitive nature of project negotiations with LEKT following the discovery of the archaeological site, WSDOT has agreed with LEKT that LAAS is best suited to carry out the required archaeological data recovery services. In order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic preservation Act, WSDOT and FHWA must consult with local tribes and other affected agencies on archaeological sites affected by highway projects. Compliance with federal regulations and state law requires data and artifacts within archaeological sites be treated in accordance with a specifically developed data recovery plan administered by a professional, meeting specific qualification established by the Secretary of Interior.

Challengers are required to submit a brief statement of their Intent to Challenge, and must address the following criteria as it relates to the project:

- 1 Qualifications/Expertise of Firms on Team;
- 2 Qualifications of Proposed Project Manager;
- 3 Key Team Members Qualifications (Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants);
- 4 Firm's Project Management System (Prime Consultant Only);
- 5 References/past performances (Prime Consultant Only); and
- 6 Cost factors (Prime Consultant Only.)



The submittal is limited to a total maximum number of ten (10) sheets submitted only on single sided (single sided meaning one side only of a single sheet of paper) typed 8.5" x 11" paper (if charts and/or graphs are utilized text must be readable size font,) and with type size no smaller than 12 point. The page limitation does not apply to the transmittal letter, front and back cover, the completed Performance Evaluation forms, and the completed Submittal Information Packet form(s.) Please provide only 1 copy of the completed Performance Evaluation forms and the completed Submittal Information Packet form(s.) These forms should be accompanied with your Letter of Transmittal and should be submitted under separate cover and not bound within your Statement of Interest.

The "Notice of Intent to Challenge" shall meet the following requirements or will be deemed non-responsive and will not be eligible for consideration of this work:

- 1 Title of the Notice of Intent to Sole Source on the cover of the submittal and the Transmittal Letter;
- 2 Transmittal Letter;
- 3 Completed Submittal Information Packet form for the Prime Consultant and all proposed Sub-Consultants (1 set);
- 4 Completed Performance Evaluations for the Prime Consultant Only;
- 5 Responsiveness to all challenge criteria;
- 6 Meeting page limitations and font size requirements; and
- 7 Meeting submittal deadline submission date.

Your "Notice of Intent to Challenge" must be received no later than 5:00 PM, Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at the below address:

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No submittals will be accepted after that date and time. Faxed or e-mailed submittals will not be accepted.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to WSDOT Consultant Services Office at 360-705-7104.

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